CWP No. 458 of 2007

9.10.2007 Present: Mr. Subhash Sharma, counsel for the petitioner.

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Mr. R.M.Bisht, DAG, for respondents No. 1 & 2.

Mr. R.R.Rahi, counsel for respondent No. 3.

The Principal Secretary (Social Justice & Empowerment) has filed affidavit stating therein that the work of identification of the BPL families fall within the domain of Rural Department. He has, however, attached the criteria and methodology for selection of BPL families. The grievance of the petitioner was that 10 persons named in Annexure P-3 did not fall under the BPL category, but were brought within this category with a view to give undue benefit to them. After filing of the petition, names of 8 such persons have been removed and only names of Jagat Ram, son of Roop Singh and Bilam Singh, son of Devi Lal remain. In terms of the scheme framed by the Secretary (Social Justice and Empowerment), the S.D.O. (Civil) is the person authorized to look into the matter. We, accordingly, direct the respondent No. 2 to look into the grievance of the petitioner, as reflected in the present writ petition and pass a speaking order after

hearing the parties. The S.D.O. (Civil) shall give notice to the petitioner as well as to Jagat Ram and Bilam Singh before deciding the matter. He shall positively decide the matter latest by 31st January, 2008. Any party aggrieved by the order of S.D.O.(Civil) shall have liberty to approach the appropriate forum. The writ petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(Deepak Gupta), J.

October 9, 2007(K) (V. K. Ahuja), J.